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SUBJ: APRIL OIL PRODUCTION STATISTICS

REF: KUWAIT 1680

1. KUWAIT OIL COMPANY PRODUCTION IN APRIL TOTALED 57,000,000
BARRELS OR 1.9 MILLION BPD. ALTHOUGH ARABIAN OIL COMPANY AND
AMINOIL FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE, WE ASSUME THEIR PRODUCTION,
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IF COUNTED, WOULD RAISE TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY KUWAITI CRUDE PRO-

DUCTION IN APRIL TO ABOUT 2.2 MILLION BPD, ABOUT 100,000 BPD
LESS THAN MARCH DAILY AVERAGE.

2. KOC EXPORTS IN APRIL SHOWED SOME UNUSUAL PATTERNS. LARGEST
IMPORTER DURING MONTH WAS JAPAN WHICH IMPORTED ALMOST 14 MILLION
BARRELS OR ALMOST ONE-QUARTER KOC'S PRODUCTION. THIS IS
LARGER PROPORTION THAN NORMAL. ON OTHER HAND, UK WHICH USUALLY
LARGEST IMPORTER, RECEIVED ONLY 629,850 BARRELS KOC CRUDE IN
APRIL. SHIPMENTS TO WESTERN HEMISPHERE WERE LARGER THAN NORMAL
WITH 2.1 MILLION BARRELS GOING TO CANADA, 2.7 MILLION BARRELS
GOING TO BRAZIL AND 319,000 BARRELS GOING TO URUGUAY. AFTER
JAPAN LARGEST IMPORTERS IN APRIL WERE ITALY (5.5 MILLION BARRELS);
FRANCE (4 MILLION BARRELS), IRELAND (3.4 MILLION BARRELS), SOUTH
KOREA (3.3 MILLION BARRELS) AND NETHERLANDS (3.1 MILLION BARRELS).

3. COMMENT: WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF EXPORT SHIFTS WILL
REMAIN OR WHETHER APRIL STATISTICS WILL BE AN EXCEPTION TO NORM.
APPEARS THAT RECENTLY CONCLUDED DIRECT SALES BY GOK, FOR EXAMPLE
TO BRAZIL, BEGINNING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS REVEALED BY EXPORT
INFORMATION.

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